

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances outlets of an
4 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to
5 the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering electronics and
7 appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor of the electronics and
8 appliances supply chain;
 - 9 c) transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances distributor of the
10 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier of the electronics
12 and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the
14 data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and appliances suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the electronics and
2 appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, the electronics and
3 appliances supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the electronics and
2 appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronics and appliances outlets, the
2 electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics and appliances supplier
3 each forecast utilizing the data.

- 1 7. A system for managing an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
 - 3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances outlets of an
4 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to
5 the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances outlets;
 - 6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 electronics and appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor of the
8 electronics and appliances supply chain;
 - 9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances distributor of the
10 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) logic for transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier of the
12 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply chain
14 utilizing the data.

- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and appliances suppliers.

- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the electronics and
2 appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, the electronics and
3 appliances supplier via a network-based interface.

- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the electronics and
2 appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the electronics and appliances outlets, the
2 electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics and appliances supplier
3 each forecast utilizing the data.

1 13. A computer program product for managing an electronics and appliances supply
2 chain utilizing a network, comprising:

3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances
4 outlets of an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data
5 relating to the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances
6 outlets;

7 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
8 ordering electronics and appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor
9 of the electronics and appliances supply chain;

10 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances
11 distributor of the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;

12 d) computer code for transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier
13 of the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and

14 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply
15 chain utilizing the data.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and
3 appliances suppliers.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the electronics and appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances
3 distributor, the electronics and appliances supplier via a network-based interface.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 electronics and appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier
3 only after verification of an identity thereof.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronics and
2 appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics
3 and appliances supplier each forecast utilizing the data.